



ZFW

500.43701X00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: OKUDA et al

Serial No.: 10/809,464

Filed: March 26, 2004

For: Method And Its Apparatus For Classifying Defects

Group: 2621

Examiner:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

Mail Stop: DD
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 5, 2005

Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are submitting herewith a copy of a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and a form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 listing the document for the Examiner's consideration.

This information disclosure statement is being submitted before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits and with the following certification specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

On information and belief, I hereby certify that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

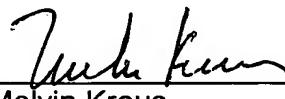
Each of the documents listed on the attached form equivalent to Form PTO-1449 is in the English language.

It is respectfully requested that this information disclosure statement and the listed documents be considered by the Examiner.

Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 500.43701X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONELLI, TERRY, STOUT & KRAUS, LLP



Melvin Kraus
Registration No. 22,466

MK/jla
(703) 312-6600
Attachments

| | | | |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Form PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE | | ATTY. DKT. NO. 500.43701X00 | SERIAL NO. 10/809,464 |
| Equivalent Information Disclosure Statement BY APPLICANT (Use several sheets if necessary) | APPLICANT OKUDA et al | | |
| | FILING DATE March 26, 2004 | GROUP 2621 | |

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

| Ex. Initial | Doc. No. | Date | Name | Class | Subclass | Filing Date |
|-------------|-----------|-------|--------------|-------|----------|-------------|
| AA | 5,699,447 | 12/97 | Alumot et al | | | |
| AB | | | | | | |
| AC | | | | | | |
| AD | | | | | | |
| AE | | | | | | |
| AF | | | | | | |
| AG | | | | | | |
| AH | | | | | | |

U.S. PATENT APPLICATIONS

| | Publication Number | Name | Publication Date |
|----|--------------------|------|------------------|
| AI | | | |
| AJ | | | |
| AK | | | |
| AL | | | |

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

| | Doc. No. | Date | Country | Class | Subclass | Translation/Abstract? | |
|----|----------|------|---------|-------|----------|-----------------------|----|
| | | | | | | Yes | No |
| AM | | | | | | | |
| AN | | | | | | | |
| AO | | | | | | | |
| AP | | | | | | | |
| AQ | | | | | | | |

OTHER DOCUMENTS

| | |
|----------|-----------------|
| AR | |
| AS | |
| AT | |
| Examiner | Date Considered |